



## 2nd Annual SHARED GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT SYMPOSIUM

Jointly sponsored by the  
Federal Executive Board (FEB) and  
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**Wednesday, March 9, 2005  
Sheraton New Orleans Hotel  
500 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana**

In light of the President's Management Agenda, homeland security, and financial employees core competencies/skills taking center stage, the financial environment is challenged with balancing the many competing demands for the taxpayers' money. Governments are focusing on accountability, performance measurements, clean audit opinions and scorecard standards for success to account for every dollar spent.

7:30 a.m. **Registration**

8:30 a.m. **Welcome** - Peggy Javery, President, AGA  
**Opening Remarks** - Leslye Baronich, Chair, New Orleans FEB  
Invocation - Ronald Parent Immediate Past President, AGA  
Introduction of Plenary Speakers - Peggy Javery

### **Opening Plenary Session**

*"Performance/Best Practices", Presidential Quality Award, USDA, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, National Finance Center – Jerry Lohfink, Director, NFC*

The President's Quality Award is the highest recognition given by the Federal Government for managerial excellence. The Department of Agriculture, National Finance Center (NFC), was recognized for innovation in *Expanded Electronic Government, December 2004*. This session will highlight key leadership in improving the management and performance of government to deliver real results. NFC will share innovative and exemplary practices.

*"Performance/Best Practices", President's Management Agenda - TBD*

The President's Management Agenda, announced in the summer of 2001, is an aggressive strategy for improving the management of the Federal government. It focuses on five areas of management weakness across the government where improvements and the most progress can be made. Learn more about the Scorecard and how well your department can implement and execute the five government-wide management initiatives.

9:45 a.m. **BREAK**

10:00 a.m. **"Sarbanes-Oxley 2006 – A123"**, USDA, Office of the Inspector General - Larry Arnold, Assistant  
Regional  
Inspector General

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, was passed following great corporate scandals such as the collapse of energy giant Enron. Executives must attest to the adequacy and effectiveness of internal controls. Learn how this most far-reaching reform to business practices will affect Federal internal controls over financial reporting.



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- 11:00 a.m. **Business Continuity – Keeping the Nation Safe**, Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection - James A. Hynes, Director of Field Operations
- Homeland Security expert will give the audience information on assessing the adequacy of your organizations contingency preparations to ensure continuation of key functions. This session addresses evaluations of dominant risks and threats, and the likely impacts on operations to include response, and mitigation plans.
- Noon **LUNCHEON**
- “Hurricanes In the View – Lessons Learned”, National Weather Service - Paul Trotter, Meteorologist In Charge, New Orleans/Baton Rouge*
- Plaquemines Parish - Jesse St. Amant, Director, Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness*
- Presentation of the E-Chief Financial Officer Award - Jim Julian, President Elect, AGA*
- Award Recipient - Patricia E. Healy, USDA, Acting Chief Financial Officer**
- 1:30 p.m. **New Orleans Criminal Sheriff Fiscal and Safety Responsibilities**, Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff's Office - Marlin Gusman, Criminal Sheriff
- The Criminal Sheriff's Office is responsible for the operations of Parish Prison, which now has a capacity of more than 7,000 inmates, making it one of our nation's largest jail/prison operations. Learn all about the fiscal and safety responsibilities to our community from the newly elected Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff.
- 2:20 p.m. **BREAK**
- 2:40 p.m. **Government Finance/Auditors - Helping Programs to Succeed**, Louisiana State Legislature - Steve Theriot, State Legislative Auditor; U.S. Army - Colonel August A. Bailey, Jr., RET, Comptroller
- Federal, state, and local governments continue to cope with increased citizen expectations in the face of budget deficits. Increasingly tight budgets warrant the need for improving performance planning and management across state, city and parish functional areas. Learn how the Federal, state and local governments are addressing these budget issues.
- 4:00 p.m. **Closing Remarks** - Peggy Javery
- Evaluations/Door Prizes

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